

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION commending Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations in Indiana for providing outstanding services to young people throughout the state.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION commending Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations in Indiana for providing outstanding services to young people throughout the state.

*Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters is a youth mentoring organization that serves over 7,500 boys and girls in one-to-one mentoring relationships throughout the state of Indiana;*

*Whereas, The Big Brothers Big Sisters program has been the leader in one-to-one youth mentoring services for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people;*

*Whereas, National research has shown that positive mentoring relationships between youth and adult mentors have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives;*

*Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors' selflessly donate countless hours each year to promote the positive development and well-being of thousands of boys and girls by serving as caring, committed adult role models who listen, support, encourage, and challenge a young person to reach his or her potential;*

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*Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring has been shown to help young people by improving their attitudes toward their parents, peers, and teachers. Mentoring encourages students to stay motivated and focused on their education, and provides a positive way for young people to spend their free time. Additionally, mentoring helps young people face daily challenges and offers them opportunities to consider their future paths;*

*Whereas, In a recent study, researchers found that Little Brothers and Little Sisters were 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol, and 52% less likely to skip school;*

*Whereas, Youth from across the state of Indiana who benefit from Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring relationships have come to the Indiana State House to serve as legislative pages and learn more about the state legislative process; and*

*Whereas, The state of Indiana commends Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations in Indiana for providing outstanding services to young people throughout the state: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate commends Big Brothers Big  
2 Sisters organizations in Indiana for providing outstanding services to  
3 young people throughout the state.

4       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Big Brothers Big Sisters  
6 organizations in Indiana.

